

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. HUNTING AND WMA REGULATIONS

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel*	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (3 antlered deer & 3 antlerless deer)

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some State Wildlife Management Areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs

1	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. after 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3 rd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1 st Sat. of Dec. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 st Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1 st Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 st Sat. of Jan.
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2	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 1st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> Next to last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> After 7 days.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> Last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years <u>CLOSES:</u> 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years</p>
3	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 3rd Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p><u>OPENS:</u> 3rd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p><u>OPENS:</u> 1st Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> After 37 days</p>	

4	<u>OPENS:</u> 1st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 1st 2nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2nd 3rd Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1st 2nd Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Mon. after 2nd 3rd Sat. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2nd 3rd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1st 2nd Sat. of Jan.	
5	<u>OPENS:</u> 1st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) <u>OPENS:</u> Day after Christmas Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 1st (BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> Day after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec.	
6	<u>OPENS:</u> 1st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Next to last Sun. of Jan.

7	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 nd Sat. of Nov.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Nov. <u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> After 35 days
8	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 nd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 st Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 rd Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 st Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> After 37 days.

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Carroll	Area 1 New for 2 0 0 8 2009	Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all segments included), east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 8-9, 28-30, 2008 , <u>Opens 3rd Saturday of</u> <u>November for 2 days and opens Friday after</u> <u>Thanksgiving Day for 3 days</u> , west of mainline Mississippi River Levee and north and west of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, north of La. 580 to U.S. 65, east of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 28-30, 2008 <u>Opens Friday after</u> <u>Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.</u>

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting
Preserves: Archery, Firearm, Primitive Firearms: October 1 -
January 31 (Either-Sex).

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

G. Spring Squirrel Hunting

1. Season Dates: Opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days.

2. Closed Areas: Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below.

3. Wildlife Management Area Schedule: Opens 1st Saturday of May for 9 days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, ~~and~~ Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may not be taken on Wildlife Management Areas during this season.

4. Limits: Daily bag limit is 3 and possession limit is 6.

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Public hearing will be held at the following locations: March

10 beginning at 6:30 PM at the LDWF Region Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 17 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Ruston Civic Center, N. Trenton Street, Ruston; March 11 beginning at 6:00PM at the Alexandria City Hall Building, Murray Street, Alexandria; March 11 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Winnsboro City Court Building, 1308 Cornell Street, Winnsboro; March 10 beginning at 6:30 PM at the LSU Ag Center, 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; March 12 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Houma Municipal Auditorium, 880 Verret Street, Houma; March 19 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Yambilee Festival Building, 1939 W. Landry, Opelousas; March 19 beginning at 6:30 PM at LDWF Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge; and March 18 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Slidell City Auditorium, 2056 Second Street, Slidell. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2009 to Mr. Randy Myers, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of

Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby
issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the
preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no
impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

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Chairman